

Federal Government keeps spending money and running up the national credit card at a record clip: \$8.5 trillion over 10 years. Congress can't just cross its fingers and hope everything works out. That will only make the debt crisis that much more severe for our children and grandchildren.

We must start cutting spending and reducing the deficit now. To do otherwise and watch as our national debt prepares to overtake us is reckless. It is as if we are on the Titanic; we know there is an iceberg ahead of us in the darkness, but we refuse to change course. No amount of denying our debt crisis will change the fact that this iceberg exists. We can avert disaster, but we must act quickly to restore fiscal responsibility before it is too late.

RECOGNIZING DETROIT TIGERS PITCHER ARMANDO GALARRAGA'S NEAR PERFECT GAME

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Detroit Tigers and the pitcher Armando Galarraga for his spectacular performance against the Cleveland Indians last week. During a game on June 2, Galarraga threw 8 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings perfectly against Cleveland, without giving up a hit, walk, or error.

On what would have been his 27th out, Major League Baseball umpire Jim Joyce made what he admitted was a mistaken call, spoiling what would have been the Detroit Tigers' first perfect game in franchise history. Joyce has since conceded that Donald was out and has apologized to both Galarraga and the Tigers' manager, Jim Leyland, for a missed call.

Throughout the ensuing controversy, Joyce and Galarraga have displayed extraordinary grace under pressure and tremendous sportsmanship, setting a fine example for sports fans everywhere. It's my hope the Major League Baseball commissioner will reconsider the decision and will correct what was clearly a faulty call.

With the full support of the entire Michigan delegation, I am introducing a resolution today declaring that Galarraga pitched a perfect game and urging the MLB to overturn a mistaken "safe" call. I believe that to do so will more than please the 17,000 fans who were in the stands that day and place Galarraga in a part of the game's history of having pitched a perfect game.

HEALTH CARE REFORM'S LOST OPPORTUNITY

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, just within the past hour, Governor Mitch

Daniels came and addressed the Congressional Health Care Caucus. He gave us some particular insights as to what's been happening in his State of Indiana with regards to health care costs.

But, in particular, he expressed how distressed he was over the health care bill that this Congress passed in March. He described it as a "lost opportunity of historic proportions that perpetuates and extends the problems of the existing system." The plan is administratively complex, and States, in fact, have no hope of complying. In fact, the cost to States, the significant financial burden proposed to the States are truly going to be obstacles.

It's odd. You know, every time consumer-directed health care posts a win, we find a way not to recognize the success, but Governor Daniels has. He described us as heading at warp speed down a dead-end road with a debt burden that threatens the actual vitality of our Republic.

There is a better way. The simple truth is that something magic happens when people spend their own money. Governor Daniels, employing a system of consumer-directed health care in his State of Indiana, has held health care costs down by 11 percent in the past year. I wish Medicare and Medicaid could say the same.

MISTAKEN SUDAN POLICY

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, BBC reported yesterday that roughly 600 people were killed in Darfur in May, a new high since peacekeepers were deployed in 2008. Additional thousands have fled their homes.

Against this backdrop, an internationally indicted war criminal was inaugurated as President of Sudan. And, unbelievably, the Obama administration sent a U.S. Government representative to the ceremony, thereby conferring a sense of legitimacy on Bashir's genocidal rule.

Leading Sudan advocacy groups expressed their dismay. Enough's John Prendergast said, quote, "The administration missed an opportunity to build leverage and lead by example. Getting nothing in return for this reversal of longstanding U.S. policy is baffling and ineffective diplomacy." I could not agree more.

Vice President BIDEN is leading a delegation to Africa this week. He will be the highest-ranking U.S. official to meet with Southern Sudanese President Salva Kiir. We can only hope that this trip marks the start of a new beginning for the administration's long-faltering and ineffective Sudan policy.

SPENDING

(Mr. BUCHANAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, the national debt now exceeds \$13 trillion. It took 206 years to get the first trillion dollars of national debt; the last trillion it took 6 months. If you took 13 trillion dollars and stacked them next to each other, you could go to Jupiter and back.

We talk about Greece and their challenges. We are the next Greece if we don't balance the budget and get serious about our national debt and our deficits. Last year, \$1.4 trillion in deficit; this year, we are expected to exceed \$1.5 trillion. We need to balance the budget now.

My first year, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, I introduced a balanced budget amendment that just says we don't spend more than we take in. We need to do that or we are going to be the next Greece.

DAY 50 OF THE GULF OIL DISASTER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, in the last 50 days, approximately 35 million gallons of oil have spewed into the gulf, resulting in the worst environmental disaster in American history. The oil spill has destroyed wildlife, wreaked havoc on our marine ecosystems, and debilitated thousands of families who depend on fishing and tourism for their way of life.

While BP has stated that it will provide compensation to those individuals and businesses economically impacted by the oil spill, its claim offices in the Florida Keys, in my congressional district, have provided little assistance to those seeking relief. Individuals so overwhelmed by the BP claims process have actually had to hire lawyers to help sift through the mounds of paperwork required. These additional burdens imposed by BP are deplorable.

If BP is committed to fixing this disaster and rebuilding our devastated communities, then it must act quickly and responsibly in processing these claims.

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ELENA KAGAN'S BANISHMENT OF MILITARY RECRUITERS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, when Elena Kagan was dean of the Harvard Law School, for personal and biased reasons, she banned military recruiters from campus. By her actions, she violated the right of free speech—in a university setting, of all places. A college campus is just the place for free thought, free expression, free speech from all points of view.

Kagan's actions also denied the students the right to hear the information. She denied students their right